

authority to regulate every act, every
word and every
sentiment,—a religion that offers to the
heart an absolutely
perfect and Love-worthy Being as the
object of its worship
and adoration,—a religion that announces
that man is a
pilgrim in the voyage of life, not a random
way-farer, not an
aimless wanderer, not a party in a caravan
or in a military
raid or even in a scientific excursion, but
a member of the
eternal choir to sing the song of God ;—a
religion that seeks
the enthronement of the Supreme Spirit
in the hearts of
all—a religion that declares that life is not
a dream nor is it a
nightmare torture, but is a vision, a glory,
that life is from
eternity to eternity not only a wakeful and
watchful journey
but a rejoicing and truly transporting
pilgrimage.
The Rishis make manifest in their
teachings no less in
their worthy lives absorbed in spiritual
Sadhanas (exercises)
the all-exclusive yet all-embracing reality
of the Supreme
Spirit-God, transcendent and immanent;
the all-engaging and
all-unified variegations in the effulgence
of the Divine attri-
butes, the ineffable yet ineffaceable unity-
and-differences
between the One Absolute and the
manifold of relative exist-

ences, natural and spiritual; the multi-
myriad manifestations
of cosmic energy and soul-evolution as in
the vision beatific ;
and above all the infinite worth because of
the immortal des-
tiny, of the human self, awake or asleep.
No religion with any pretension to
spirituality sets forth
as distinctly as the Hinduism of the
Upanishads the imma-
nence of the Spirit of God as the life and
glory of nature,
proclaiming unequivocally that the
substance of God unfolded
into forms by His spiritual self-action
constitutes the universe
and that there is but one glory, one
beauty, one power, one
life in all the worlds and that belongs to
the **Paramatman**.
The Rishis proclaim *a religion of*
humanity which unites
and blends all other religions and makes
one the men whose
hearts are sincere and whose characters
are true and good and
harmonious, whatever may be the
deductions of their minds